

Nantuxet 5th 5. 1795

my dear Son Thomas

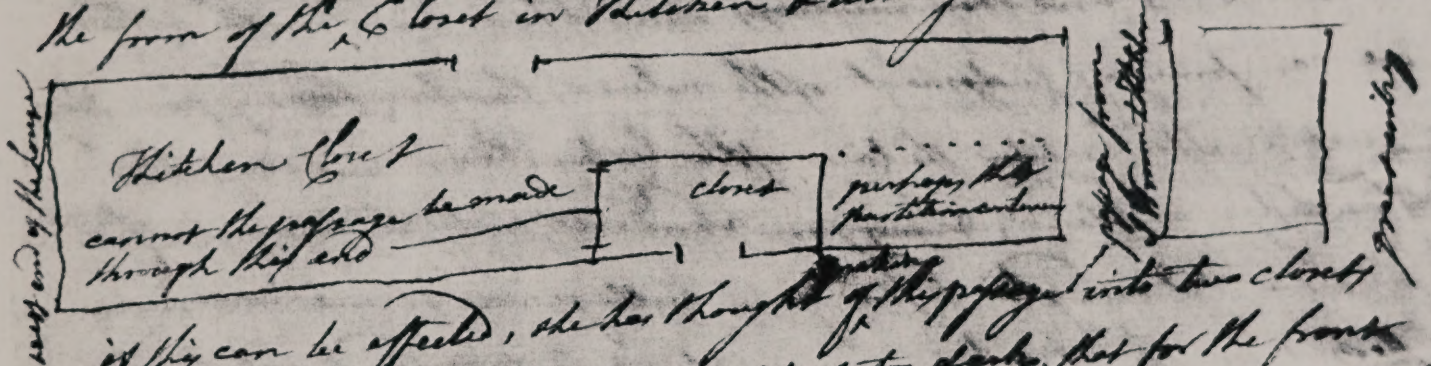
I duly rec^d thine of the 1st & 3rd ~~inst~~

yesterday, was glad the last announced better tidings of Dear
Sister rest there right before than the first; although, with you
I have no expectation of any great amendment, but an allevi-
ation of bodily suffering would be gratefull to us all; we much
rejoice on hearing thy sister Hannah & little daughter, reached you
in safety and with no material ^{bodily} suffering, do communicate our united
love to her as wife & sister — we have no doubt of good
for Hove, and thou mentions none to have come in the letter
we can form no judgment of the value, therefore ~~we~~ suppose they
must be stored under the care of the Custom House untill further
knowledge is obtained; I suppose Sam will write & I flatter on the
subject. I am glad to find your Village are so unanimous in
Refusal for the market &c. with I suppose would not be so
exorbitant in his demands; but when we make corruptible
treasure our Unionum bonum, better things have little influence
in bounding our desirey. — I wrote Wm on the subject of the
Spot for the my house before I left Bedford, if he writes me I
wish the letter may be opened there which may terminate the
matter; please inform Alice of my desire in this respect as it may
probably be involved ther. — I intend send some Oak
for by the Packet as I wish my horse if not convenient the sent
may be well fed, as I want him in good order against if I must
stage in the waggons if the price I have wrote for to be purchased
should find coming, as I hope will not be the case

Deacon Lydias letter to Charity is way truly gratefull to us to have
the particulars therein contain & in Wm. 12th inst sent up; any further
information that reaches you is very desirable — I have made

enquiry of Mr Bunker, & find his price for making pint pumpeys
is 3 Doll. whether of 8 or 10 or 11 doll. no diff. in the making.
but he says 8 Doll. is too thin for use. that they ought to be 10—
but the person that wants, must be judge of that.

now as I don't see any prospect of thy mother or self being with you
before the house will be plastered, & thy mother wishing to have a
passage out of the Kitchen closet into the dining room to have virtually
privacy &c. but in a more private manner than direct ~~into~~ in
sight into the room, cannot the opening be made into the closet that
is in the dining room at the west end of it it need not be long
but as deep as ^{between the two shelves} will admit. I think
the form of the ^{partition of the rooms &} closet in Kitchen & dining room is thus



if this can be effected, she has thought of this passage into two closets
for the Kitchen & front Room, if not too dark, that for the front
room may do for a book case, under this prospect, I wish that
passage may ~~be~~ not be plastered until further direction, indeed
if all the closets could be left for the present or until the whole
house is finished, should be glad to know by return of Packet how far they
have plastered & whether they are careful to have Sails on the floor.
I think we shall enlarge the ~~Back~~ Porch, therefore before the
the Kitchen is plastered, should like the N. window was moved as much
nearer the oven as will do, & why would not 3 square wide do, instead
of 4, in that case suppose we might get 2 1/2 feet room to add to the
width of the Porch — ~~as~~ as my horse has been eating those or
Worm Oats I now send a Cart to replace them, ^{whether} my horse ~~comes~~
^{or not} this time desire them would get 2 bushels of meal or any
act. ^{or not} with the Oats, not for my horse only but for general use
I intend if time permitting up a small bag of Oats for my horse
on the passage.

Sticks & Post

I have shipped to you $\frac{1}{2}$ Caskⁿ Taper 40
Boxes $\frac{1}{2}$ Candles not not 1850 as $\frac{1}{2}$ Inv^d annexed
which I wish you to sell for my account on the
most advantageous terms I am &c

4th 29 1800

John Champlin

On hearing that thou had serious
thoughts of moving from New York I felt a
wish that thou might turn thy attention
a little to this place. having a convenient
settlement I am about to have as pleasantly
situated (generally tho') as any in Town and
very little additional expence necessary, it was
completed with no other expectation but that of
occupying it during my life, and consequently the
House is as well built as can be, it stands upon
a double lot of about $\frac{2}{3}$ of an acre one half of
which will be sold with the House, a good well
finished building for a stable & Chaise House
with a Cellar for manure, a Tract of land
one mile from the House of nine acres under
good improvement with six divisions and
so well watered as to have communication
from either of the lots when all the rest are
shut up, This I have always considered
too great a convenience to be separated from
the House which I should have been more

25 May 1795

Since writing the foregoing I think it best^t let the horse remain
only I want him well fed, I have put some meal with the
Oats but not half enough, therefore desire you would get
3 or about more Oats to him.

Samuel has sent Charity a dead roasting pig in a
basket, it was killed this morning (the 6th) - please take
care of the basket as we are choise of it though of little worth,
in the basket is a printed platte belong to Eliza wth please
delivers - her Clothe is put round the silk belong to W^m wth
we now send. - if you think best to put my horse
to grass please do it only have him fed beside.

in Last (Packet being on depasture) with our
wint love to you all on thy aff^r father
W Rotch

15 May 1953

Thomas Crotch

New Bedford
with a bucket & a fork.

Wanted
5615 17 5000

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particular in describing had not our kind friend
Almy Proid been with you to whom please convey
mine & wife's affectionate regard, she can give
the better information than I can by a letter
reasonably bounded - The expense I have been
at & in a frugal manner too has according to
my memorandum acct & the best judgment I
am capable of making is annexed. I have
also a farm of 110 acres or thereabout a little
short of two miles from the House, with a house
& barn upon it an old orchard & a young one
in both about four acres, 40 or 50 bearing peach
Trees & perhaps 6 or 6 Pear Trees & is a good
grass farm but a bad road at present of near
a mile I should be glad to hear from thee as soon
as convenient I am &c

Cost of House & out buildings &
improvement of Garden } \$7000

Value of land to be sold at low estimate 8000

Cost of 9 acre lot (& price) - - 1000

Farm valued - 2000

\$10800

Should thou be inclined to accommodate
thyself here I will try to agree upon a
price with thee

I am &c

Thomas & Charity Rottch New Bedford Oct. 13. 1822

My very dear Cousins

I did not think when I engaged ~~to write you~~ to write you, that before I fulfilled that engagement, I should be widowed of every joy but so it is, my dear Cousins, after a length of almost unparalleled, patient, quiet Lamb-like suffering, my dear, dear Francis is taken from me, & with him went all, or pretty much all, that gave delight to what related to this life — if I have any joy it is, from a belief that he is owned by the great Shepherd, & the thought that he is safe gives me joy, let me suffer what I may from the bereavement but it is hard to live without him, he had so sweet a mind, full of information, & instruction, & amusement — but never light — but I must go to him, he cannot come to me — & perhaps the reunion will be happier than ^{the union} we have known — I have thought our wedding happy union, but it was full of perplexities but ~~from~~ ^{arising} from that portion of his mind, that seemed a part of his existence — I mean his invention & genius — But never will, repeat the only dear Husband! thy intentions were the best, to benefit mankind was thy object — but it occupied thy mind so much — deprived me of much I should have enjoyed of thy conversation.

I could tell you many of his speeches that at the times they were spoken, only made me grieve, he would say to me, my ~~Antony~~ why dost thou cry? I would answer, I do not know Francis, but I cannot help it, so that I have no doubt, if I had had more strength

of mind, I should have heard much that would
now be a comfort to me, to reflect upon,

Your father & mother are
as well as usual, the latter was to see us yesterday
it is quite uncommon to see two such aged people
in the possession of even so much strength, both of
body & mind, your mother in particular, is really an
interesting woman, she hearing better than your
father — And what a void is made in their
family too, in the death of their Lydia, &
your Lydia

Sarah Arnold is threatened with
being a cripple, with a disease in her knee, it is
fearfully apprehended it will terminate in a
white swelling — I sincerely wish, if it is
for the best (& I believe every ordering of the
supreme concerning us is for the best) that
there will be a remedy found — As for myself
I neither wish, nor ask, but one thing, & that is
that I may be found worthy to have a place in
one of the many mansions, spoken of by the dear
Redeemer, In the hope that I may see you
again, I am sincerely yours affectionately & anxiously
Henry Rotch

My sister desires to be kindly remembered to you

Harry

Went



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Thomas Kotche P.M.

Genesee Stark County

Ohio

Kendal Clark Co Ohio Nov 9th 1822

My dear Wm

I received thy letter last Mail enclosing

One to be directed — which I have done and shall forward the same by next Mail with a recommendation letter to them, from whom thou wilt no doubt soon hear upon the subject. The precarious state of extended business in this section of our Country has prevented my recommending their further dependance upon thy importations believing that their punctuality (should they contract for the present stock,) the best criterion for thee to rely upon. They are Manufacturing largely and are making considerable sales of Cloths and Cassimere the latter they weave by power, and are much more encouraged in the prosecution of the business than formerly and should they agree with thee I think they will be punctual in making remittance; If they purchase Wool for Cash at this time, it must be an Object, provided the Spanish Wool is clean, this I conclude is the case from the samples I have formerly seen from Spain.

I note thy remark upon the affliction of my wife last summer ~~she~~ has so far recovered as to enjoy her usual good health, and I well know how to sympathize with dear Wm and his lovely Rebecca she unites with me in affectionate love to them their Children & Wm his precious Wife & their Children & to thyself ^{as thyself} thy aff. Uncle The Patch

Since writing the foregoing by expressing Benj^d Radman
I observe he request me to direct my answer to thee
therefore I shall attend thereto - and improve the time
to express my particular pleasure in receiving thy
very interesting communications to which I believe my
acknowledgement has only been in general terms. &
this I hope my dear nephews will not think me un-
mindful of the many favours I have received. they have
sincerely, been appreciated, There has lately come to our Village
a Family from near Boston, the head of which served his time
at the business of Cotton & Woollen Factories. I intend to get
him to build my Picken, I observe that many Weavers
have been dismissed from the W. Factories. the cause not stated
in the paper. - but by B R letter I have been led to believe
it must be from the lowness of the Streams,

I should be glad to purchase some of B Radmans Wool if
there was a probability of my selling the fabrics for money
to replace the card. but from the experiments that I
have made there is not the least prospect of it therefore
must confine my views to the means of propagating
the sheep that I may be enabled to raise on my own
plantation and from those that I have paid out for & you
upon shares - the increasing demand for C. Cottons enhance
their value and in our home trade are as good as money -
I generally sell my cottons at from \$1.87 1/2 to \$2.12 1/2 to \$2.25
\$2.37 1/2 \$2.40 & \$2.50. & Am^d C. Cottons from \$4.50 to \$9.00 -

Thy affectionate uncle Tho^s Hatch

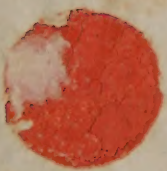
Commander
Dec Nov 28th

18th

Benjamin Rodman

New Bedford

Massachusetts -



Free
The Post Office
Kendal Ohio

William L. Fisher
Germanstown
near Philadelphia
Pa.